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The next session of the Presbyterian will be held at Houston, Halifax County.

Kanawha Presbyterial will meet in the First church, Huntington, W. Va., May 9th and 10th. First session Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Each society is earnestly requested to send delegates, whose names should be sent at once to Mrs. W. H. Taylor, 444 Sixth Avenue, that entertainment may be provided.

Mrs. H. F. Burnside,
Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Potomac Presbyterial held its fourth annual meeting in the Presbyterian church at Warrenton, Va., April 12th, 13th and 14th. Nearly every society in the Presbyterial sent its full quota of delegates. The first session began at 2:30 P. M. and being devoted to the Young People's work, the devotional exercises were conducted by the secretary for that work, Mrs. David Gates, of Washington, D. C. Thursday and Friday were taken up, in large part, by the business of the Presbyterial, and reports of secretaries and societies. But there was time given for addresses from some of our Foreign and Home missionaries that we were so fortunate to have with us. Rev. C. L. Crane, from Africa; Miss Ruth See, from Bom Successo, Brazil, and Dr. H. F. Williams, our field secretary, and Miss Josephine Woods and Miss Annie Shaddon, from the Home Mission field, and Rev. Hugh H. Hudson, of Charlottesville, Va., all giving encouraging accounts of their work and presenting the needs of the peoples. We were all delighted to have Mrs. J. Calvin Stewart, of Richmond, to conduct the Bible hour at each session, taking for her subject Mission Work—Our Motive, the Responsibility and the Ultimate End, giving us many inspiring thoughts and aims to bring home with us. We were most delightfully entertained by the good people of Warrenton and adjourned with our hearts full of gratitude to our friends there and to our Heavenly Father for allowing us to have a share in the blessed work of sending the gospel to those who sit in darkness.

Belle E. Pinkerton,
Corresponding Secretary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MAKES SPLENDID GAINS.

Nineteen hundred and fifteen was a year of great growth for the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A special campaign was actively pushed and resulted in the organization of 924 new societies and the addition of 21,861 new members. The last three months of the year showed the largest proportion of gain—9,506 members—indicating that the movement is gathering force and that a still further large increase is to be expected.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Thirty years ago the spiritual life in Doshisha, the Christian college of Japan, founded by Neesima, was at a very low ebb. A missionary sent to a score of American colleges and theological seminaries an appeal for prayer. On the evening set for the purpose a revival started in the Doshisha without any direct human influence exerted over the students there, and many conversions resulted.

The empire over souls is given not to the clever, but to the loving, to those who move us by their unselfishness and sympathy.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

MISSIONS A BLESSING.

M., May 22. Light-bringers. 2 Cor. 4:1-7.
T., May 23. Educational blessings. Prov. 22:17-29.
W., May 24. Changing lives. Acts 8:5-8.
T., May 25. Making men brothers. Eph. 2:11-22.
F., May 26. Planting spiritual ideals. Rom. 8:1-14.
S., May 27. Creating happy homes. Luke 10:38-42.
Sun., May 28. Topic—How Missions Are Blessing the World. Ezek. 47:1-12. (Foreign-missionary meeting).
*What are missions doing for the world?
Tell of a land untouched by missions.
The missionary's home a blessing.*

Christ says (John 8:12), "I am the light of the world"; and (Matt. 5:14-16), "Ye are the light of the world," "Let your light . . . shine." He is the true light, the source of all spiritual light. He gives light to us, that we may give it to others. We cannot look directly at the sun and receive its rays into our eyes. We receive the rays reflected from objects upon which the rays of the sun fall.

We are to let our light shine. If a lamp is covered up closely, it will either go out or smoke and become dim. Christ was the great missionary. He came to earth to accomplish a definite mission, "As the Father hath sent me into the world, so send I you." "Go ye into all the world," is the parting command of the Saviour.

Missions in the scriptural sense of the term is giving the gospel to those who are without it. There can be no question about the giving of the gospel being a great blessing to those who are without it, if they will only receive it.

What we have to do with now especially is the blessing that comes to those who carry salvation to those who are without it.

In what way does the blessing come? It comes in a consciousness of having obeyed the Master's command. He has bidden us "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We cannot have a happy life, unless we are doing all that we can to obey this command.

Carrying salvation to those who are without it shows us, as we may not have realized it before, the sinner's need of this great blessing; and at the same time it shows us how great a blessing we have received.

The effort that we make to bring another to Jesus, brings us nearer to him. The prayers we offer for another, brings us into close communion with the Saviour. The gifts we make to send the gospel to those who are without it bring a blessing to us. The more we do for the sake of another in an effort to do him good, the more will we love him. He that loves another for the sake of Christ will be loved by Christ.

We have a special promise of reward for labor performed for another. Matt. 10:42, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in nowise lose his reward." 1 Cor. 3:8, "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." If our Saviour rewards us for what we do for him, we may be sure that the rewards will be great. We cannot imagine a big-hearted king giving anything but a big reward to the man who faithfully carries out his commands, especially if the service is rendered to one whom the king loves.

As we exercise our spiritual gifts in behalf of another they grow stronger and stronger, and so our Christian graces increase.

There is no joy that comes into the Christian's life like that caused by the knowledge that God has used him as the means of saving a soul. The knowledge that we have been the means of saving a soul from eternal

destruction and of giving to it eternal life and an entrance into heaven, bring us inestimable joy.

But the blessings of work for others is not limited to this life. We have through all eternity the joy of being with those whom we have led to Christ. These souls have been beautifully represented as stars placed in the crown which God gives to every redeemed soul; and it will be a joy to lay down at the feet of the Saviour a crown sparkling with stars rather than to offer a starless one.

We can find mission work in abundance anywhere. A great part of the world is still in ignorance of salvation. Some have gone to carry the gospel to them. But no doubt there are many more who ought to have gone. So there are many now who ought to be getting ready to obey the marching orders of our King. The missionaries to the heathen show that they receive a blessing from their work, for there is scarcely a happier set of people in the world.

Shall the heathen die without Christ, because you fail to tell them of him and his salvation, or will you take them the glad news of salvation? Look and see if God does not want you to go?

It may be that God wants you to work in the home land. If so, there is much work to be done. "The fields are white already to the harvest." Go forth then to the harvest field and gather armsful of sheaves to present to the Saviour, instead of going to him empty-handed.

There are many ways in which we can do mission work. We can go, we can give, we can pray, we can live.

Let each one of us say from the depths of our hearts in humble consecration to the Master's service:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll do what you want me to do."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS.

A message from Seoul, Korea, to the World's Christian Endeavor Union tells of the cordial welcome extended to Dr. Francis E. Clark in both religious and political circles. Dr. Clark, with a group of missionaries and ministers of state, was entertained at luncheon and given an official welcome by the governor-general of Korea, Count Terauchi.

A number of Christian Endeavor Societies have been organized in Korea as a result of the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Clark.

The Christian Endeavor Society has a strong foothold in Japan, where Dr. Clark had meetings in the principal cities, and attended the national convention at Osaka. During his visit Dr. Clark was the guest of Count Okuma, the Premier of Japan.

During this tour Dr. Clark addressed meetings in eighteen cities in Japan, four in Korea, two in Manchuria, and eight in China.

A telegram from Dr. Clark announces that he and Mrs. Clark are safe and well, but have been detained by the revolution while attending the national convention at Hangchow, China. They had expected to arrive in Vancouver, B. C., May 6th, but the date of their return is now uncertain.

The "Millions Campaign" is making remarkable progress. More than two thousand new societies of Christian Endeavor have been organized in the past seven months. Nineteen thousand and six hundred and ninety-four new Comrades of the Quiet Hour have been enrolled. Three thousand one hundred and ninety-five have joined the

Tenth Legion, an enrollment of those that practice the tithe.

The list of Christian Endeavor Experts has been increased by 2,988, and the Life-Work Recruits by 1,510. This is the greatest gain ever reported in a similar period.

Christian Endeavor in the Southern States is having a remarkable development. More than five hundred new societies have been organized there during the past seven months. Mississippi has just perfected a State organization, and held her first State convention.

In response to many requests, the United Society has decided upon the following official colors:

Junior, blue and white. Intermediate, green and white. Young People's and general, red and white.

Paul C. Brown, national superintendent of Intermediate Societies, is having a most successful campaign in thirty or more of the large centers of the country.

OUTSIDE OR IN.

Listen, son: I like those brave eyes of yours, that firm upper lip, that steady, unflinching step. You've got grit, and you've got grip, and you've got opinions of your own, and you are unafraid. I don't believe you are afraid of more than one thing in the world. But, my son, that one thing will make you a coward if you don't conquer it. For it's only a shadow, and you can't keep brave and have your liver scared white by a shadow. You can face a sixteen-inch gun without the flicker of an eyelid; but just let Herr Professor Somedings-or-udder stand up across the sea and fire his little spitball at your religion, and down you go in a heap. If the Herr Professor should fire at your world of music, it wouldn't trouble you a moment. You would laugh at him. He might prove in fourteen octavo volumes that such a thing as music does not exist and that all its alleged effects are imaginary; but you would not lose one minute's sleep over it, dearly as you love music. You would say that the learned professor is a great genius, but he doesn't know what he is talking about. And yet, my son, when the Herr Professor gets into one of his rages against religion and proceeds to prove by psychological and historical investigation that there is no such thing as religion and that its alleged effects are all imaginary, you fall before him as you would fall before an angel from heaven.

Let me tell you. Last year when your chum, Tom Jones, fell in love I remember how you laughed him to scorn. There was nothing in it, you said. You were just from college, and you could demonstrate scientifically that it was a mere physical disturbance and there was nothing in it. But now you are in love, and all the scientists in the universe couldn't shake you from your fond belief that love is the greatest thing in the world. Last year you were standing outside of the world of love. Now you are inside. Do you understand? My son, if you would stop hanging around on the outside of the world of religion, if you would come inside, as you have come inside of the world of love; if you would go down on your knees before Christ as you went down before that beautiful girl and surrender yourself body and mind and soul to him as completely as you surrendered yourself to her and then rise to your feet and go forth as his champion, ready to lay down your life for him—my son, do you suppose you would ever so much as know when Herr Professor Somedings-or-udder was firing his spitballs at your religion?—Ex.